BUILDING YOUR HOME AT BARNARD

SOME TIPS FROM BARNARD SUSTAINABILITY
WAITING FOR YOUR FIRST YEAR AT BARNARD, LITTLE IN YOUR LIFE FEELS CONSTANT

SO MUCH IS CHANGING, IT'S STRANGE TO IMAGINE YOUR LIFE IN A NEW PLACE.
You’re about to build your own space for the first time.

How can you create a home that’s true to you, fair to others, & good for the planet?
RESIST THE URGE TO MAKE YOUR ROOM JUST LIKE THE SHINY ADVERTISEMENTS.

EVERYONE'S NEEDS ARE DIFFERENT. YOU PROBABLY DON'T NEED EVERYTHING THEY'RE TRYING TO SELL YOU. SO TUNE IT OUT.
While you look for the things that will meet your individual needs & help you feel at home.

Remember you are your best self when you think critically & consider the impact your actions have on the planet.
SUSTAINABILITY CAN TAKE MANY FORMS IN YOUR PACKING PROCESS

LIKE WAITING UNTIL YOU GET HERE TO ASSESS THE SPACE & YOUR NEEDS

OR CHANGING WHAT YOU BUY OR WHERE YOU BUY IT
CHECK YOUR USED RESOURCES

Buying used is one of the easiest ways to cut your carbon footprint, save money, and make your room more unique!

🌟 Join the Facebook group Barnard Buy, Sell, Trade to buy used goods year-round.

🌟 Visit the Give & Go Green Sale on the main lawn during move-in to purchase used appliances.

🌟 Visit a thrift store! Find one at home or visit one of the many in NYC.
REPURPOSE STUFF FROM HOME

FAVORITE MUG
PILLOWS
DECORATIONS

YOU'LL BE GRATEFUL TO HAVE FAMILIAR ITEMS IN A NEW SPACE

DON'T BUY JUST ANY PRODUCT LABELLED "GREEN"

THEY ARE OFTEN EQUIALLY HARMFUL & MORE EXPENSIVE. DO YOUR RESEARCH & WATCH OUT FOR FALSE ADVERTISING!

ALSO - COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS CAN ONLY BE BROKEN DOWN IN SPECIFIC COMPOSTING FACILITIES. BETTER TO TRY REUSABLE CUTLERY.
BRING REUSABLE ITEMS

- Water bottle
- Tote bag
- Travel coffee mug

LIMIT HIGH-ENERGY APPLIANCES

- Set of plate, cup, bowl, and silverware (if you like to snack in your room)
- Consider LED bulbs
- Use a power strip to easily shut off appliances

SHARE A MINI FRIDGE W/ YOUR ROOMMATE
PURCHASE IT FROM GIVE & GO GREEN OR RENT IT!!
In your time at Barnard, your strength & confidence will come from the friends you make and the things you learn, not from the stuff you own.

Don't worry too hard about bringing the right things. You have an entire community here to share resources, advice, & support.
So step outside, take a breath, enjoy the space you are in, and feel confident about your new home.

We'll see you in the fall!